

Nichol, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly, I oppose the advancement of this bill. As the items outlined by Senator Hefner certainly are worth listening to and those situations are working well inasmuch as schools throughout the state appoint, rather elect the officials that run them. Occasionally there appears a person on the board that you may not like. You have a perfect right next time up to throw him or her off the board and put on people that you want. Any Governor of this state, and I'm not thinking that the present Governor would do so because he will not be allowed to do so, but any Governor of this state could stack the Board of Regents just as any other board that he elects, that he selects the members to can be stacked. I think the situation is working well. I don't hear complaints across the state that we need to change. I have not heard one person in my area talk to me to say we need to change this situation, it's so bad that the Board of Regents are so bad as elected by the people in the state that we need to change, thinking that perhaps we would get better people on the Board of Regents than we select to put on there. Secondly, I think it's important that we have a cross section of the people in the state rather than the Governor who can appoint them as he chooses and I just think this is not the time to put it on the ballot again. The people are well satisfied, not my opinion, but because of some studies in the past that say perhaps we should do so. Have a look at the 1984 Commission. Where did that commission come from? It was appointed by the Governor. Well, does the Governor appoint people that are contrary to his philosophy? Of course not. Any Governor who has any brains would appoint people to committees that he has somewhat akin to their philosophy and people who think along the same lines that the Governor. He'd be crazy and he wouldn't be Governor if he did otherwise. Occasionally perhaps he might choose the other party or people who might have a difference of opinion or philosophy, but by and large that Governor is going to appoint people who think as he or she does and I just think that this is not the time, I don't think it's necessary, I don't think there is a groundswell across the State of Nebraska to change this situation. So I oppose the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator DeCamp, please, followed by